organism – A living thing

Anything that is living:

- plant
- animal
- human

Organisms are made up of parts.

Example:

- skeleton
- muscles



My dog, Denver, is an organism.

organ – A body part that is made of smaller parts that work together to do a certain job

Organ comes from the Greek word *organon* an engine used to do work.

Examples of organs:

- heart
- brain
- lungs
- skin



The human heart is a muscular organ that is part of the circulatory system.

organ system – A group of organs that work together to do a job for the body

Sentence: You have many organ systems in your body, such as the skeletal system.

Examples:

- muscular system
- circulatory system
- digestive system
- nervous system



Our bones make up the skeletal system.

<u>brain</u> – The organ in the human body that processes information

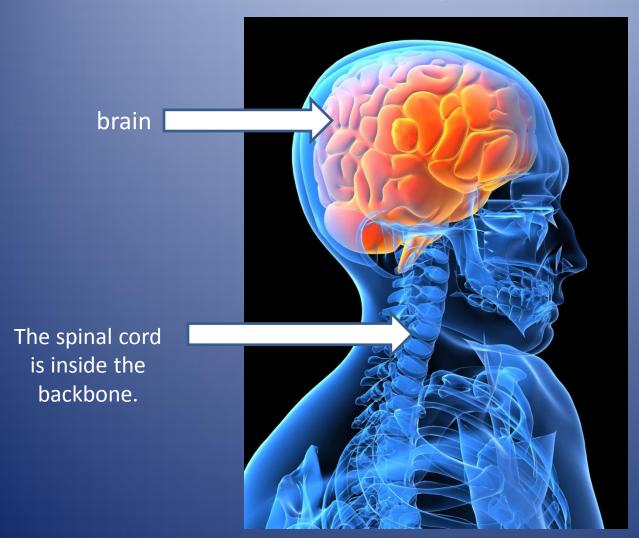
Brain's Job:

It receives
messages from the
body and sends
instructions back to
the body, telling it
what to do.

Nervous System's

parts:

- brain
- spinal cord
- nerve cells
- nerves



skin – The human body's largest organ, which covers the outside of the body

The skin is part of the integumentary system.

Integumentary comes from the Latin word *integumentum* meaning "a covering."



friction ridges or fingerprints